

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
EXAMINING GROUP 1700
PATENT
Attorney Docket No. 10993.0261**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
Tomotaka Hashimoto et al.)	Group Art Unit: 1797
Application No.: 10/561,182)	Examiner: Sun U. Kim
Filed: December 16, 2005)	Confirmation No.: 1709
For: Membrane Cartridge, Membrane Separating Device, and Membrane Separating Method)	Mail Stop AF

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

This reply is filed in response to the final Office Action mailed December 4, 2008.